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QRP-L Digest 3041

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by "Howard Kraus" <K2UD@adelphia.net>

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 18:45:34 -0400  
From: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>  
To: fpqrp-l@mpna.com, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU, kc8nxx@juno.com  
Subject: [157683] Link to a good antenna site !  
Message-ID: <20030911.184538.9278.1.kc8aon@juno.com>

While looking on the web today for field antenna ideas, I ran across this site. It has some good ideas on here - simple easy to build stuff that would make good field antennas !

<http://www.qsl.net/n1lo/antenna.htm>

Enjoy !

72/73 de: Rick McKee, KC8AON <> Willow Wood, Ohio <> Grid: EM88rl  
SW 40+, SW-20+, Norcal BLT, Norcal Cascade, Yaesu FT-7,  
Homebrew 6V6 tube TX & Hallicrafters SW500 RX  
QRP-L #2112, FPqrp #33, AR QRP AmQRP  
I'll give up CW when I'm dead ! MAYBE !

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Date: Wed, 10 Sep 2003 21:31:36 -0400  
From: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [157684] Re: General Observation  
Message-ID: <20030911.184538.9278.0.kc8aon@juno.com>

On Wed, 10 Sep 2003 20:01:39 -0500 "Brian Murrey" <brian@iquest.net>  
writes:

I'm a "junkbox" junkie...if a guy has a plastic tub full of odds and ends, I go a little crazy. On the other hand some of my best deals have come from the junk piles.

<snip>

I think I'm a lot lot Brian when it comes to hamfests ! I love to go through the junk boxes ! I've probably got 3 or 4 tuners waiting to be built and probably don't have 30 bucks in all the parts and that includes one 28uH roller inductor ! I also like to look for enclosures for my projects, my SW-20+ that I just finished about a week ago is in a cabinet that I picked up for 5 bucks, and it included an unidentified homebrew circuit that yielded some good parts ! Got a turns counter on the tuning pot of the SW-20+ that cost me \$1, and the one on my SW-40+ cost me \$2 ! I've got a forward and reflected qrp power meter that I built from hamfest parts that cost me about \$5. The point I'm trying to make is this: Don't waste your money on already assembled gadgets, buy junk and build it yourself - it's cheaper that way ! And, more fun !

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 01:17:47 +0200  
From: "Johan Smet" <johan\_smet@pandora.be>  
To: <qrp-L@Lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157685] CIRCAD  
Message-ID: <GOEFKKEKCMBFGHJJHJIBMEINCBAA.johan\_smet@pandora.be>  
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi,

I am a newbie on Circad, just trying to -Circad- a simple Epson SG-8002 oscillator + 74HC240 QRP transmitter circuit. Problem: the SG-8002 does not feature in the available component libraries. Guess I should create and add it to the SCH library. I tried that but screwed things up. The SG-8002 is a very simple 4-pin device. Any ideas how to implement such an IC without fuss?

Tnx, 72,

Johan ON5EX

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 18:02:12 -0500  
From: w9ya <w9ya@arrl.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157686] Re: Bouncing email  
Message-ID: <200309111802.12080.w9ya@arrl.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
                charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit  
Content-Disposition: inline

OR just get an email account somewhere else. I \*only\* use the dns service from my isp. My smtp, pop, web server and other such "accounts" (including mail forwarding) are handled elsewhere and/or by myself. Heck even the dns is cached here, so I can still get (some) use during an address lookup "outage".

If the bandwidth is good from comcast, and you want that bandwidth, you might want to consider just using them for that.

Vy 72;

Bob  
w9ya

On Thursday 11 September 2003 04:22 pm, John Sielke wrote:

> Well, after finding that ALL email to my w2agn@w2agn.net address was  
> bouncing. (I couldn't even send a test message to myself), I first blamed  
> the outfit that forwards from the w2agn.net domain to my Comcast.net ISP. I  
> should have known better. It seems good old Comcast.net installed spam-  
> blocking software, and it is blocking ALL mail forwarded to my account from  
> my w2agn.net address. I contacted an idiot at Comcast, who immediately  
> wanted to know "What my Microsoft Outlook settings were." I told him I  
> didn't use Outlook, and it had nothing to do with my settings, but it was  
> Comcast bouncing my mail. He was unconvinced until finally he checked "a  
> higher level" (probably a 12 year old with an Xbox). Sure enough, they were  
> bouncing my mail. I said "then STOP bouncing my mail." "Sorry, can't do it,  
> it would require reconfiguring the spam blocking software."  
>  
> So I guess it's back to an old fashioned dialup ISP.  
>  
> Just 1. To let you know I haven't ignored emails and 2. To warn you, AVOID  
> COMCAST.NET!  
>  
> John W2AGN

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 20:20:38 -0400 (EDT)  
From: "n2cx" <n2cx@voicenet.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Cc: njqrp@njqrp.org  
Subject: [157687] HB - ish Economy electric screwdriver  
Message-ID: <200309120020.h8C0KcKW011411@email2.voicenet.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

Gang,

The Target stores in my area have a sale going this week on a Black and Decker cordless screwdriver. It's the AS600 "Alkaline Battery Screwdriver" and the sales price is just under \$7.00.

Now it's not the greatest screwdriver in the world but after 20-30 woodscrews it proved its worth in saving my wrists! The torque is not quite as great as the rechargeable I own (when I can find the \$%\*& charger since the batteries discharged since its last use) though it is entirely usable. It uses alkaline AA cells which I \*always\* have

available and a full charge! When it's done its housework it will go out in the SUV where not having rechargeables go dead is a giant plus.

It will do well enough for the limited use for homebrewing but more importantly it is cheap enough to use to build a homebrew screwdriver antenna or remote-tuned tuner or, with the addition of some gearing, the tuning cap on that 40 meter magnetic loop that cries for remote tuning. Hmm guess I better go grab a couple more to use for my homebrew projects.

As usual, no pecuniary interest in Target or Black and Decker and, what's more the batteries "are" included with this pully!

72/73,

Joe E., N2CX

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 20:38:09 -0400 (EDT)  
From: "n2cx" <n2cx@voicenet.com>  
To: njqrp@njqrp.org  
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157688] September NJQRP mini-meeting/QRP Afield  
Message-ID: <200309120038.h8C0c9829882@email1.voicenet.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

Gang,

While the weather holds - and it better - let's try for an outdoor meeting. QRP Afield is one operating event that NJQRP nearly always takes part in and our favorite venue is Van Nest Park in the Grovers Mill, NJ area of historic remembrance near our usual Princeton meeting place.

So here's the deal. The contest runs from 11 am on Sept 20 and runs to 11 pm. Let's show up at the park at 10 to 10:30 am and set up several portable stations. This give us a chance to show off our new rigs/antennas/Norcal Keyers/Serial Senders, etc. and take part in this low pressure operating activity. And you are most welcome to show up meely to help raise skywires and admire the stations that others have set up. Since it's a public park you can stay as long as you'd like - at least until dusk!

You may remember that James, KA5DVS graced us with the public unveiling of his clever PAC-12 antenna several years back at this

exact location and operating event. In honor of this, I will show off one of his commercial versions! It is the same basic idea but uses some slick professionally designed and manufactured components. It features the same performance and a price much lower than other similar commercial antennas since it is an easy-to-build kit.

No promises, but I just may also bring along one of the prototype/ Beta test Antenna Analyzers for show and tell as well.

We should have directions on the njqrp web site in a couple of days.

See you there!

Joe E. N2CX  
for the NJQRP Club

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 21:00:59 -0400  
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@cinci.rr.com>  
To: <johan\_smet@pandora.be>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157689] Re: CIRCAD  
Message-ID: <000801c378c9\$548ef340\$6501a8c0@test>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Johan,

Send me the drawing and I'll do it for you.  
It is too complicated to explain via emails.  
Maybe someone else can help explain. I just  
know of a brute force way to create libs.

72 & "oo's" - Dieter (DIZ) Gentzow - W8DIZ - Loveland, Ohio  
Clermont County - EM79uf - near Cincinnati; 39:13:05N 84:18:18W  
RIG:multiPIG+ ANT:470 FT Horiz Loop <http://kitsandparts.com>

----- Original Message -----

From: "Johan Smet" <johan\_smet@pandora.be>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2003 7:17 PM  
Subject: CIRCAD

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Tnx, 72, Johan ON5EX

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 18:57:44 -0600  
From: "NR5A" <nr5a@rap.midco.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157690] Websites  
Message-ID: <02a901c378c8\$e0477e80\$3865dc18@jerry>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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I've been thinking about making a website. I applied for one at QSL.NET, actually I've tried to get one about a half dozen times now with no reply, nada, nothing, so I'm thinking thats out. Anyone have any favorite preferably free website suggestions?

Jerry - NR5A - South Dakota

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 19:32:47 -0600  
From: Tim Groat <tcgroat@earthlink.net>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157691] Re: battery charging...  
Message-ID: <5.1.1.6.2.20030911185448.00a53910@mail.earthlink.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Based on the A-HR rating and because you didn't mention water levels, I'm assuming this is a "gel-cell" or other form of non-maintainable lead battery.

A careful slow charge, such as your small solar panel, is just what you want to use at this point. Since you're in Saskatchewan and Fall is coming, be sure to protect the battery from freezing temperatures during those long, cold prairie nights. Never try to charge a frozen battery! Don't even think about using the usual size charger until the battery will hold at least 12.0V open circuit for at least 24 hours, which shows there's no

shorted or reversed cells. If you can't get it to that point, the battery goes to the recycling center.

Once it reaches normal open-circuit voltage, you can try charging at the manufacturer's recommended "float charge" settings (probably about 13.50-13.80V--check the data sheet!) and no faster than a 10 hour rate, 3.4A tops. Float charging a dead battery requires a great deal of patience, as in weeks. But with an old neglected battery, you don't want to "gas" it by fast charging (which could kill whatever life remains). Fusing the battery leads, an acid-resistant battery holder, and plenty of ventilation is good practice when charging any battery--and essential when charging old, unreliable ones.

Once it's charged up as much as it's going to, put it to use and check the capacity in some non-critical application. You may get lucky and get most of its capacity back, or the voltage may collapse as soon as you apply some load. But since the alternative is scrapping it, there's nothing to lose...as long as you do things safely.

72,  
--Tim (KROU)

>Bruce Ratray <ratray@gpfn.sk.ca>:

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>I "rediscovered" a 34 aH battery I have and measured a voltage between 6 &  
>7 vdc on it...it has been sitting unused for over a year...it's a 12 volt  
>battery...I initial thought was that it had "had the biscuit"...but  
>curiosity got the better of me...

>...so I set up 2 small solar panels outside and connected the output to  
>the battery about a week ago...when the sun goes down, I have disconnected  
>the solar panel output and reconnected the next morning...

>...the voltage is close to 10 volts now on the battery...the charging  
>current has been as high as 55 ma...the solar cells are just lying on a  
>back porch and I'm building a simple adjustable mount to put the panels in  
>a better position, up higher and proper angle, etc...

>...so it "seems" like events are going in the right direction or am I just  
>fooling myself?...I'd be interested in those with similar experiences  
>making comments on this little project...thank you...

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 02:44:42 +0100

From: Chuck Adams <k7qo@commspeed.net>

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [157692] Radio Shack 15V meter

Message-ID: <5.2.1.1.0.20030912020319.00b183b0@mail.commspeed.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Gang,

Some weeks ago I mentioned the fact that R/S had the 15V panel meter on sale as a closeout item. R/S number 22-410.

Then in searching the internet on another topic I find that the meter itself (it used a 15K resistor in series to make it a voltmeter) is a 1mA movement. This is important if you want to have such a movement in something like a SWR meter, RF detector, etc. So here again is a warning that you should check with your local R/S if you want such a meter at under \$8. Price does vary from R/S store to store as I found out locally on the same day that I bought two such meters.

I'll have a picture of the movement on the web page article along with dimensions. It has a fairly large face and is a nice analog meter. It has a higher internal resistance than the Protek. The Protek measures out at 3.4 ohms at 6.0mA. I'll have the R/S meter resistance at 86 ohms at 1.0mA.

I was doing some measurements on Ge and Si diodes for the Advanced Manhattan Building article that I'm doing on the internet on my web page. Doug wanted some info on the 1N270 diode as compared with the 1N34A. The 1N270 will handle more current in the forward direction. I'm in the process of measuring it's V vs I curve as we speak. I'm just on a short break. It will be interesting to compare V vs I curve after I finish the measurements.

The reason for this long posting is a result of needing small current measurements under 1mA. I use a Protek D-930A DMM for voltage and current measurements. I bought a couple at Fry's when they were on sale for \$10 each (normally \$39.99) and I announced that also to QRP-L at the time. But the lower current limit was at 0.1mA with a large variance in determining when the 0.2mA value occurred. So I changed out the Protek for the R/S meter without the 15K resistor. Works great and it seems to be calibrated well as both the Protek read 1.0mA when the 44-410 meter read full scale. And I will have a use for the meter movement for those of you interested in some experimental techniques for measuring small RF values later on in life. In the new AmQRP Homebrewer Joe Everhart, N2CX, had a part 1 article that used an ammeter to measure V vs I curves. Then used an amp to increase the sensitivity. The R/S meter movement is more readily available

to most of this list than maybe having one in the junk box from parts acquired at Dayton or some other festive occasion. I say this hoping that you can find a meter in stock at your local R/S dealer. Call ahead to make sure. Gas isn't cheap any more.....

Just a heads up message to those interested in experimenting at home.

FYI

Chuck Adams K7QO k7qo@commspeed.net  
http://www.qsl.net/k7qo CP-60

Moving to Arizona? Please bring your own water.

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 18:45:33 -0700  
From: "Lee Hopper" <leehopp@msn.com>  
To: "Posting to the list QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>,  
<stephen@SwiftsureConsulting.com>  
Subject: [157693] Re: Responding to the list  
Message-ID: <BAY4-DAV41u4tjagOUT00037a87@hotmail.com>  
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Stephen et.al. -

One nice thing about reading the archives  
<<http://listserv.lehigh.edu/lists/Archives/qrp-l/>> is the "Reply" button at the top of the page. It will not only reply to the list, but get you on thread as well!

I can then copy your personal email address and add it to the "To:" list at the top of my message - just in case you miss it in the archives or daily digest.

One thing about the daily digest is that it's not by thread, so messages aren't logically grouped. Also, it seems to me, it's hard to stay on thread when you respond - but I may be missing something... It just seems like you sometimes see a new thread started with the same subject line - people trying to respond on thread but the list software not recognizing it.

73 -

Lee Hoppner, NB7F  
Portland, OR

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 22:04:27 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Doug Faunt N6TQS +1-510-655-8604 <faunt@panix.com>  
To: aa3ur@comcast.net  
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157694] Re: [157646] RE: A Little Standing Wave Demo  
Message-ID: <200309120204.h8C24R826480@panix3.panix.com>

I actually found a copy of the booklet that tells how to make the machine.

73, doug

Date: Wed, 10 Sep 2003 21:24:36 -0400  
From: "David Porter" <aa3ur@comcast.net>

Here's another cute demo for traveling waves.

You just have to get in the way-back machine....

<http://home.gwi.net/~jdebell/pe/cj/v15-6.htm>

Dave, AA3UR

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 20:25:22 -0600  
From: "Bruce Kizerian" <kizerian@xmission.com>  
To: <nr5a@rap.midco.net>,  
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Subject: [157695] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <001301c378d5\$1e6e0600\$640646a6@98seoem>  
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Jerry

Free websites aren't free. They come at a prohibitive cost as far as I'm concerned. You give up a lot of control and privacy. The real owner of your page can post ads which you might not like. Folks who access your page are

likely to get spammed, and some of it WILL be offensive. Your computer will be effected by trojans or cookies that track yours and your friends internet activities. It just isn't worth it, if you ask me.

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Bruce kk7zz

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 20:34:02 -0600  
From: "Bruce Kizerian" <kizerian@xmission.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157696] Re: HB - ish Economy electric screwdriver  
Message-ID: <002101c378d6\$54e2f3c0\$640646a6@98seoem>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
                charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey Joe

I paid \$10 for one of those screddrivers over a year ago and I love it! It is light weight and suprisingly powerful for its size. I'm supried how long the batteries last. I use it often in my workshop--seems like the bigger drivers always have dead batteries. Both set of batteries on my 12 volt rechargeable are stone dead after only a couple of years. I highly recommend this little power tool. The bright orange color makes it harder to lose, too--something I seem to be doing more and more often these days.

Bruce kk7zz

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 19:39:25 -0700  
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <kg6cyn@softhome.net>  
To: kizerian@xmission.com,  
      "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>,  
Subject: [157697] Re: Websites

Message-ID: <004001c378d7\$1a2e2780\$d732b3d1@etclink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Bruce,

While this is absolutely the case with most "FREE" web services, it's not the case with QSL.NET. Al Waller K3TKJ does a fantastic job providing a place on the web where hams such as myself can post ham related web pages, articles and technical information. He runs it on donations from folks that use his service.

As to the original post from Jerry NR5A, try sending Al an e-mail at: k3tkj@qsl.net. I'm sure that he'd be more than happy to help you set up a space for you on the server. Also, check out the QSL.NET help page at: <http://www.qsl.net/help/index.html>. You might find out what's going wrong. Good luck.

73's Trev KG6CYN  
<http://www.qsl.net/kg6cyn>

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bruce Kizerian" <kizerian@xmission.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2003 7:25 PM  
Subject: Re: Websites

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 19:40:56 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Tom Sevalt <n2uhc@yahoo.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157698] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <20030912024056.20199.qmail@web9605.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

--- NR5A <nr5a@rap.midco.net> wrote:  
> Anyone  
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> preferably free website suggestions?

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absolutely love a lot of annoying popup ads.

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Tom Sevalt N2UHC  
<http://www.geocities.com/n2uhc>

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Do you Yahoo!?  
Yahoo! SiteBuilder - Free, easy-to-use web site design software  
<http://sitebuilder.yahoo.com>

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 23:13:37 -0400  
From: "Tim Kass" <timkass@hotmail.com>



To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [157699] S&S ARK-4 problems  
Message-ID: <BAY2-F31A2DJxRVVfdY00005df4@hotmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Just purchased at a local hamfest the neat looking ARK-4. The rig works fine for about 3 minutes, then the receiver dies out. Turn it off for a couple of minutes and back on, same thing happens. Was wondering if anyone on the list who might be familiar with this rig could help. It uses a synthesizer freq. change...was told by a friend that if the synthesizer becomes unlocked after a couple minutes that it might mute the receiver...any ideas... thanks.. 73 Tim K8WBL

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Use custom emotions -- try MSN Messenger 6.0!  
[http://www.msnmessenger-download.com/tracking/reach\\_emoticon](http://www.msnmessenger-download.com/tracking/reach_emoticon)

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 23:43:13 -0400  
From: "Paul Mills" <quahog@localnet.com>  
To: <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157700] Yahoo! Melting solder and loving it!  
Message-ID: <004b01c378df\$ff2ec080\$d3439942@cybrinjn>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Tonite I heard the first on-the-air signals with my Ten-Tec 1320 transceiver. It's taken me a long time to get it to this point because of summer chores and beach time, but September got me back into it. I chose the Ten-Tec because it seemed simple enough to build yet complex enough to challenge me. Besides, Ten-Tec takes plastic on their website. Instant gratification. Next I'll do a SWL+, then a K1 perhaps. I think I'm hooked, haven't finished this one yet, and already planning the next one!

I'm not new to building, I have built Heath stuff: HW-16, GR-something rx, dip meter, freq counter, etc., but this is the first solid state project since my eyes turned 50 ;-). Reading component values can be a real job. I considered spending a 50 or so on one of those lighted magnifiers, but I am QRcheaP! I found that I can just put a pair of those store-bought reading glasses over my expensive prescription readers and turn them

into super magnifiers.

Hope to have this rig on the air by this weekend. See you there...

Paul KB1GEJ

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Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 22:46:39 -0500  
From: Cecil Bayona <KD5NWA@cbayona.com>  
To: n2uhc@yahoo.com  
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157701] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <B77350CC-E4D3-11D7-B35B-000502CEA711@CBayona.com>  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII; format=flowed  
Mime-Version: 1.0 (Apple Message framework v552)  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This where I have a hosting account, fairly good service and not too expensive, I use the \$9.95 a month plan, with two domain names, 300 Megs of storage and 10 Gig transfers a month, no banners or adds. I have full access to my account settings, and 200 email accounts. More that I need but, now they have cheaper plans available.

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<<http://www.stargateinc.com/>>

On Thursday, September 11, 2003, at 09:40 PM, Tom Severt wrote:

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> --- NR5A <nr5a@rap.midco.net> wrote:

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> Tom Severt N2UHC  
> <http://www.geocities.com/n2uhc>  
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> Do you Yahoo!?  
> Yahoo! SiteBuilder - Free, easy-to-use web site design software  
> <http://sitebuilder.yahoo.com>  
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Cecil  
KD5NWA

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 00:14:16 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)  
From: "Mike WA8BXN" <hubby2k@hotmail.com>  
To: <timkass@hotmail.com>, <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157702] Re: S&S ARK-4 problems  
Message-ID: <3F614818.00001A.01676@etower>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: Text/Plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

I'm not familiar with that radio but here are some general things that may  
at least help isolate what part of the circuitry is failing. When its not  
working, if you inject some hum at the volume control, do you hear it? Just  
a test lead clipped to the center should do. If nothing heard then it  
probably is in the audio section. Does the frequency display continue to  
work (and change as you tune different frequencies)? If so the VFO  
(synthesizer) is probably working ok. Does the transmitter continue to work  
OK? Then its not the synthesizer. If everything stops working it could be  
a  
voltage regulator that is overheating and shutting down. Check the soldering  
of all the parts on the circuit boards carefully, does flexing anything get  
it back to working? If so then likely a bad solder joint somewhere. Good  
luck, let us know what you finally find!  
=0D  
763/72 - Mike WA8BXN=0D  
=0D  
=20  
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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 06:10:54 -0400  
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@verizon.net>  
To: <nr5a@rap.midco.net>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157703] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <004e01c37916\$277423b0\$0200a8c0@WB3AAL>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Jerry,

Some Internet providers give you will give you some free web space if you are using their service. Check into your plan that you are currently using with midco.net . My old provider allowed about 100 Meg through my dial-up.

72 and Thanks,  
Ron Polityka  
WB3AAL  
[www.n3epa.org/](http://www.n3epa.org/)

----- Original Message -----  
From: "NR5A" <nr5a@rap.midco.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2003 8:57 PM  
Subject: Websites

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> actually I've tried to get one about a half dozen times now with no reply,  
> nada, nothing, so I'm thinking thats out. Anyone have any favorite  
> preferably free website suggestions?  
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> Jerry - NR5A - South Dakota  
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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 07:24:36 -0400  
From: "John Huffman" <hjohnc@core.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157704] Saturday Spartan Sprint  
Message-ID: <001d01c37920\$73ed1ee0\$67075dd8@jhuffman1t>

MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gentlemen -

There has been some interest in staging a Saturday Spartan Sprint to encourage outdoor operation. We at the Adventure Radio Society are considering sponsoring such an event.

At this point, to keep it simple, the rules and scoring would be identical to the Monday Spartan Sprints. The same autolog would be used to post scores. The deadline for entries would be Sunday night. Scores and soapbox comments would be emailed to the participants. A brief write-up of the Saturday results would be included in the next Monday night Spartan Sprint write-up.

Picking a date and time is the toughest part. Not everyone will agree so we have arbitrarily picked Saturday from 3pm to 5pm Eastern, 2pm to 4pm Central, 1pm to 3pm Mountain, 12noon to 2pm Pacific.

The only question is which Saturday. We must avoid any QRP specific contests. QRP Afield and Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint are next weekend, so that's out. The 27th doesn't show any QRP specific contests, but does have the CQWW RTTY contest which may well spill over into the QRP frequencies. I don't have a calendar of October activities, but the first weekend is out since it's too close to the Monday Sprint.

At this point we can either try the 27th of September or we can find a date in October. Input is appreciated.

73 de NA8M  
John  
Contest Manager  
Adventure Radio Society

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 07:56:23 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>  
To: Bruce Kizerian <kizerian@xmission.com>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157705] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <20030912075442.B4458-1000000@unix1.vhost.min.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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How much space do you get for 25 bucks? Styrikes me you'd have to use a  
LARGE amount to justify that monthly rate.

Thom

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| baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com                                             | Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster           |
| <a href="http://www.baltimoremd.com/">http://www.baltimoremd.com/</a>   | Baltimore's Home Page                  |
| <a href="http://www.baltimorehon.com/">http://www.baltimorehon.com/</a> | Home of the Baltimore Lexicon          |
| <a href="http://www.zerobeat.net">http://www.zerobeat.net</a>           | Home of The QRP Web Ring and DrakeList |
| <a href="http://www.tlchost.net">http://www.tlchost.net</a>             | Web Hosting as low as \$3.49/month     |

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 08:06:22 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>  
To: John Sielke <jsielke@pobox.com>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157706] Re: Bouncing email  
Message-ID: <20030912080416.Q4458-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 11 Sep 2003, John Sielke wrote:

> Well, after finding that ALL email to my w2agn@w2agn.net address was  
> bouncing.

Just to make you feel better....I forwarded a bounced w2agn.net message to  
your pobox.com and it got sent back

mail.local: unknown name: jsielke  
550 <jsielke@mailstore.pobox.com>... User unknown  
Reporting-MTA: dns; mx1.mailstore.pobox.com

I know this guy that can fix you up with email that really works (g)

Thom

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com                                           | Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster |
| <a href="http://www.baltimoremd.com/">http://www.baltimoremd.com/</a> | Baltimore's Home Page        |

<http://www.baltimorehon.com/>  
<http://www.zerobeat.net>  
<http://www.tlchost.net>

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 08:12:21 -0500  
From: "James P. Osburn, P.E." <j.p.osburn@ieee.org>  
To: "List; QRP, QRP Mailing List" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157707] A Little Standing Wave Demo 3  
Message-ID: <001b01c3792f\$a15609a0\$8189cccf@bbbcomputer>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
                charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Here's a little demo of standing waves on a very lossy transmission  
line.  
<http://lightning.qrp.com/~wd9eyb/standing/lossy.html>

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 09:10:09 -0400  
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>  
To: <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>,  
      "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157708] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <000f01c3792f\$31c4f100\$080044c0@BrianBoru>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
                charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Believe it or not, that's pretty much middle of the road for noncommercial  
hosting. There are a handful of outliers, but typical low end hosting seems  
to be \$20-30 a month these days. On the other hand, they do seem to have  
feature-itis. The capabilities seem to be where the competition is. Huge  
amounts of space are fairly common, although not very well correlated with  
price. But typically these come with huge numbers of email addresses,  
cgi/php/perl/asp/jsp/whatever, MySQL/Postgres/SQLserver, hosted forums,  
mailing lists, webinars, etc. etc. etc.

72/73 de WB8RCR      <http://www.qsl.net/wb8rcr>  
didileydadidah      QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

----- Original Message -----

From: "Thom LaCosta" <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2003 7:56 AM  
Subject: Re: Websites

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 09:34:40 -0400  
From: "sslyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>  
To: <hjohnc@core.com>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157709] Re: Saturday Spartan Sprints  
Message-ID: <001601c37932\$9f090500\$41c7e742@megalink.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yep... that's a tough one all right. My own situation is such that it's very difficult to reserve time for sprints/contests when they're spread out all over the month. It's much easier to dedicate/plan one weekend for radio events -and it looks less "selfish" on the family wall calendar/planner, too. Perception is everything : )

I like the idea of an "Outside" sprint a lot as it encourages the Spartan approach for a short-duration event. It provides more opportunity (theoretically, at least) for a shared outing, which is much appreciated around here.

72/73

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aa1my

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 09:40:48 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>  
To: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157710] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <20030912093112.V9220-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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> to be \$20-30 a month these days.

Golly Ned....and here I am in the business of offering web space and I  
don't know what's going on with the industry.

Sarcastic mode off

I think if one looks around, there are MANY providers at the < 10 dollar a  
month level.

> On the other hand, they do seem to have  
> feature-itis. The capabilities seem to be where the competition is. Huge  
> amounts of space are fairly common, although not very well correlated with  
> price. But typically these come with huge numbers of email addresses,  
> cgi/php/perl/asp/jsp/whatever, MySQL/Postgres/SQLserver, hosted forums,  
> mailing lists, webinars, etc. etc. etc.

Cost to the ISP to offer "all" those extras ranges from not much money to  
"its already on the server"....

Unlike measuring power out, sensitivity, etc. ISP's are sometimes  
evaluated on perception of worth. The industry conducts many seminars and  
work shops to teach the ISP how to inflate the image to command more  
revenue, and some of the more sophisticated presentations teach how to  
charge/increase charges for services that would otherwise be free.

If you remember the early days of retail PC sales, when prices were high  
and perceived "value add" services were touted, you'll have a vantage  
point to view today's Web space provider industry.

73,

Thom

baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com  
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<http://www.baltimorehon.com/>  
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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 08:59:03 -0500  
From: "Boulineau, Lee" <lee.boulineau@attws.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157711] RE: Websites  
Message-ID: <90B09553A615CE4192A646D8CFA67DA8428F7B@TX-MSG05-CCC.wireless.attws.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable  
content-class: urn:content-classes:message

I agree with Trevor - Al has set me up quite well - and SmartFTP makes =  
it easy to upload new pages!!

Lee N4MVL

-----Original Message-----  
From: Trevor Jacobs [mailto:kg6cyn@softhome.net]  
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2003 9:39 PM  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
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that  
use his service.

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 07:03:03 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Lloyd Lachow <llachow@yahoo.com>  
To: sslyon@megalink.net,  
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157712] Re: Saturday Spartan Sprints  
Message-ID: <20030912140303.64259.qmail@web41002.mail.yahoo.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Well, my first response was, "Aargh. Another event that I'd dearly love to do, but it's usually a family-time time, so that's out." Then, I read:

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> (theoretically, at least) for a shared outing, which  
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> here.

and I thought, " That Seab! He's done it again! What a great opportunity to create family outings, ones where Daddy can throw his 24' wire in a tree, and sit in a chair with his new KX1 for a couple of hours!"

Thanks for the lemonade, Seab.

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73, 72 es oo, Lloyd, K3ESE - Reisterstown, Maryland  
multiPIG+ #14 - K1 # 00379 - 20/40M Rock-Mites  
Hunk o' Wahr - Begali Magnetic Classic Paddles  
ARRL - ARS - QRParci - QCWA - FISTS #8774  
FPQRP #476 - QRP-L - BORG #2  
Fun = Skill / Power ! 8^D

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Do you Yahoo!?  
Yahoo! SiteBuilder - Free, easy-to-use web site design software  
<http://sitebuilder.yahoo.com>  
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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 09:37:40 -0500 (CDT)  
From: Dale Botkin <dale@botkin.org>  
To: NR5A <nr5a@rap.midco.net>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157713] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0309120931570.9854-100000@madmax.botkin.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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Not free, but I have been hosting two websites (my own personal one, and a commercial one) at page-zone.com for several months now. Sounded almost too good - check out their pricing - but they have lived up to everything they said, and a little more. I had a web based forum set up in about ten minutes, a complete ecommerce site in an hour or two, all for free. You also get web mail, secure shell access if you ask for it... I've been very happy with them. I have only noticed two fairly brief outages since I started using them early this year - for under five bucks a month for two web sites, I'm not demanding five nines. Bandwith seems adequate too, I transferred a couple of large files yesterday via my \*BIG\* pipe at work (multiple DS3) and it was surprisingly fast. Like 6MB in about five seconds or so, so it's not like they're cheating there either.

All in all, I recommend them highly. No connection other than being a very satisfied customer.

72,  
Dale - N0XAS

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It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of Karma to burn off.  
PicoKeyer is available for the Rock-Mite! <http://www.hamgadgets.com>

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 08:42:44 -0600  
From: kizerian@xmission.com  
To: Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157714] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <1063377764.3f61db6478efe@webmail.xmission.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

I get more space than I'll ever use Thom, but that is NOT the point. I have had my fill of the Yahoos and AOLs and other providers who promise much but deliver everything but what you need. I had a real problem with Yahoo putting my daughters on a mailing list or giving access to someone else with no morals or scruples. And you don't have to go looking for bad spam. It will find you with the wrong provider.

If you want to know what kind of garbage these guys are putting on your computer download the free version of AdAware and run it.

The provider I use charges a premium, but if I have a problem I call and in a minute or two I am talking to a REAL person who apologizes for the inconvenience and fixes the problem right on the spot. When they do have server problems--and everyone does once in a while--they fix it quickly and email an apology to their customers explaining what happened and how they fixed it.

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Does your internet provider take care of you this well? I'll bet he doesn't.

I am paying premium for my web hosting, but it will be fast and reliable. Service still doesn't come for free. The real bargain is the service I get for my payment.

Bruce kk7zz

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 10:52:38 -0400  
From: brewerj@squared.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157715] General observation:  
Message-ID: <0F297577CF.DE28D41D-ON85256D9F.00518BA4-85256D9F.0051C712@CIS.SQUARED.COM>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

"How come Hams want an arm and a leg for used equipment?"

Ahhh...the beauty of the free market. If folks put a high price on an item and it sells, then by definition, it was "worth" that much. If the price is TOO high and doesn't sell, then it was likely overpriced!

K5MO  
John

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 16:05:57 +0100  
From: M Taylor <mctylr@privacy.nb.ca>  
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157716] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <20030912160557.A10146@pull.privacy.nb.ca>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Disposition: inline

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> actually I've tried to get one about a half dozen times now with no reply,  
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> preferably free website suggestions?

Depends on what features you need/want; how big and complex you expect your site to be, how many visitors you expect, and where the majority of your expected visitors are based (US East Coast, US West Coast, Europe, Canada, Asia, etc.)?

Does your web authoring tools include automatically upload via FTP, WebDAV, FrontPage extensions (ick!)? It may be nice to use this feature.

Me, I do it all myself using what is called colocation service, which means I put a small case (19" rackmount - 1U which is 1.75 inches high I think) computer that I (and my friends) own into a datacentre and we are provided with direct high speed access to the Internet (100Mbps to multiple access points). [www.jump.net.uk](http://www.jump.net.uk) for those interested and computer savvy in London, UK. That is the Do-It-Yourself solution for suitable for IT geeks who are comfortable and skilled at maintaining secure networked machines.

Most people only need "shared" or "virtual" hosting, so you might want to look at several companies to compare (US centric):

<http://www.he.com/hosting.html>  
<http://www.pair.com/pair/shared/>  
<http://www.nyi.net/hosting.html>  
<http://www.interland.com/frame.htm?wstat=0&curl=http://www.interland.com/shared/?path=homewebhosttab>  
<http://webhosting.yahoo.com/ps/wh/prod/>

These are all fairly large hosting companies that make most of their money hosting businesses, so they may be overkill for what you want. I tried to list companies that have entry level packages at or less than \$25US/month.

Another option may be Community networks, like Chebucto Community Net, <<http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/>>, which should be very suitable for a personal home page type of site.

-ve1mct  
<http://www.mctaylor.com/>

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 15:11:18 -0400  
From: wa2ncf@juno.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157717] FS Like New IC-703  
Message-ID: <20030912.151119.-1710135.1.wa2ncf@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Surf the web up to FIVE TIMES FASTER!  
Only \$14.95/ month - visit [www.juno.com](http://www.juno.com) to sign up today!

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 11:17:27 -0400  
From: "Jerry Lofstead" <jerrylofstead@bellsouth.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>,  
<kr1st@amsat.org>  
Subject: [157718] Re: ARRL non-members only: 2003 DX Phone Contest Results  
Message-ID: <000601c37940\$f9dbb820\$0a02070d@HAM>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

That is my point. If you support the ARRL, there ARE Privileges!!

If you do not support it, you have to wait for the results like everyone else!

You gets what you pays for!!!

Jerry  
W3CDE

----- Original Message -----

From: "Alex" <kr1st@amsat.org>  
To: "Jerry Lofstead" <jerrylofstead@bellsouth.net>  
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2003 8:04 AM  
Subject: Re: ARRL non-members only: 2003 DX Phone Contest Results

> Jerry Lofstead wrote:  
>  
> > the various QST results articles and a PDF set of lines cores will  
> > be made available to all amateurs when the issue of QST in which they  
appear  
> > is mailed to members.  
>  
> Exactly my point!  
>  
> > It's at the top of the page!  
>  
> Yeah, that's where I found it, too!  
>

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 11:10:58 -0400  
From: "John Sielke" <jsielke@pobox.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157719] Re: Saturday Spartan Sprint  
Message-ID: <3F61A9C2.14025.3F27303@localhost>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT  
Content-description: Mail message body

> The 27th doesn't show any QRP specific contests, but does have  
> the CQWW RTTY contest which may well spill over into the QRP frequencies. I  
> don't have a calendar of October activities, but the first weekend is out  
> since it's too close to the Monday Sprint. At this point we can either try the  
> 27th of September or we can find a date in October. Input is appreciated.



Hey, we're tough, we can handle RTTY. QRP-1 even schedules some of its contests on RTTY weekends, just for the challenge ;-)

Let's have some kind of bonus for "Field" operations, to encourage folks off their duffs and out of the shack.

John W2AGN

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 15:16:26 +0000  
From: k7gt@comcast.net  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157720] WTB: AT-Sprint  
Message-ID: <200309121527.h8CFR0gS021774@rain.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

AT-Sprint wanted to purchase. Kit or built up and running. Will pay reasonable price and shipping, of course.

GT

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Allan K7GT

Pleasanton CA

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 11:48:04 -0400  
From: "Charles Mabbott" <aa8vs@msn.com>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [157721] Question - PSK more or less  
Message-ID: <BAY5-F4ZMH1olQvWqoT000148d0@hotmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

I have been looking at SL 1 from Tigertronics  
<http://www.tigertronics.com/>

I have saw this setup used with TS 50s, ICOM FT100s, and 756PRO [not sure about the fish finder] I have an SG 2020 rig that I carry on trips; run mobile; and generally have a great time

Question:

Has anyone on the list ran PSK etc using the SG 2020 & SL1? If so was there a cable available from Tigertronics or did you make one up?

What software did you use in the PC?

If you had it to do over, would you do it the same way?

73 oo

Chuck AA8VS

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons."

<http://68.43.100.7:81/aa8vs>

>From: "Lee Hopper" <leehopp@msn.com>

>Reply-To: leehopp@msn.com

>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

>Subject: Re: Responding to the list

>Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 18:45:33 -0700

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>Stephen et.al. -

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>One nice thing about reading the archives

><<http://listserv.lehigh.edu/lists/Archives/qrp-1/>> is the "Reply" button at  
>the top of the page. It will not only reply to the list, but get you on  
>thread as well!

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>I can then copy your personal email address and add it to the "To:" list at  
>the top of my message - just in case you miss it in the archives or daily  
>digest.

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>One thing about the daily digest is that it's not by thread, so messages  
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>when you respond - but I may be missing something... It just seems like you  
>sometimes see a new thread started with the same subject line - people  
>trying to respond on thread but the list software not recognizing it.

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>73 -

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>Lee Hopppe, NB7F

>Portland, OR

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 11:12:56 -0500  
From: "Tim KD5CKP" <kd5ckp@centurytel.net>  
To: <aa8vs@msn.com>  
Cc: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157722] Re: Question - PSK more or less  
Message-ID: <01f201c37948\$bac36680\$e832fea9@TECH1>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
                charset="Windows-1252"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I know that the RigBlaster will handle the SG2020. It is wired exactly like a standard 8 pin Kenwood. That may serve as a clue. I do not own a SG2020 so others may have more information.

Tim KD5CKP

----- Original Message -----  
From: "Charles Mabbott" <aa8vs@msn.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2003 10:48 AM  
Subject: Question - PSK more or less

> I have been looking at SL 1 from Tigertronics  
>     <http://www.tigertronics.com/>  
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> <http://68.43.100.7:81/aa8vs>  
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> >From: "Lee Hopper" <leehopp@msn.com>  
> >Reply-To: leehopp@msn.com  
> >To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
> >Subject: Re: Responding to the list  
> >Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2003 18:45:33 -0700  
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> -----  
> Get 10MB of e-mail storage! Sign up for Hotmail Extra Storage.  
> <http://join.msn.com/?PAGE=features/es>  
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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 12:24:34 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>  
To: kizerian@xmission.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157723] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <20030912122138.W21151-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

> Does your internet provider take care of you this well? I'll bet he doesn't.  
>

I guess you didn't read me signature line. In spite of folks recommending other providers, I've not spammed this list with my own ads.

I am my own provider, and perhaps one of my customers on this list will give an insight of our level of service.

> I am paying premium for my web hosting, but it will be fast and reliable.  
> Service still doesn't come for free. The real bargain is the service I get  
> for my payment.

Yes, but higher prices, in spite of your statement do not always equate with better service (g).

Thom

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com                                             | Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster           |
| <a href="http://www.baltimoremd.com/">http://www.baltimoremd.com/</a>   | Baltimore's Home Page                  |
| <a href="http://www.baltimorehon.com/">http://www.baltimorehon.com/</a> | Home of the Baltimore Lexicon          |
| <a href="http://www.zerobeat.net">http://www.zerobeat.net</a>           | Home of The QRP Web Ring and DrakeList |
| <a href="http://www.tlchost.net">http://www.tlchost.net</a>             | Web Hosting as low as \$3.49/month     |

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 12:26:32 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>  
To: M Taylor <mctylr@privacy.nb.ca>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [157724] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <20030912122548.J21151-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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> money hosting businesses, so they may be overkill for what you want.  
> I tried to list companies that have entry level packages at or less  
> than \$25US/month.

By all means add me to your list:

[www.tlchost.net](http://www.tlchost.net)

Thom

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <a href="mailto:baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com">baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com</a> | Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster           |
| <a href="http://www.baltimoremd.com/">http://www.baltimoremd.com/</a>        | Baltimore's Home Page                  |
| <a href="http://www.baltimorehon.com/">http://www.baltimorehon.com/</a>      | Home of the Baltimore Lexicon          |
| <a href="http://www.zerobeat.net">http://www.zerobeat.net</a>                | Home of The QRP Web Ring and DrakeList |
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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 12:34:04 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Thom LaCosta <[baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com](mailto:baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com)>  
To: [kizerian@xmission.com](mailto:kizerian@xmission.com)  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <[qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU](mailto:qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU)>  
Subject: [157725] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <20030912122854.T21151-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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> daughters on a mailing list or giving access to someone else with no morals  
> or scruples.

I would have a problem with that too...that's why we don't post customer's  
addresses at all.

> And you don't have to go looking for bad spam. It will find  
> you with the wrong provider.

It will also find you if you make the mistake of making your email address public.

It will also find you if your address is in someone's addressbook and they become infected...which has nothing to do with your provider.

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> If you want to know what kind of garbage these guys are putting on your  
> computer download the free version of AdAware and run it.

Nah, I didn't fall off the truck yesterday.

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Is your provider one of the ones who doesn't know enough to determine the REAL address of the spammer...and therefore sends obnoxious notices to the wrong address? Perhaps it's one of the ones that is so brain dead they forward the spam/virus message back to who they thought sent it? Or perhaps one of the very few who launches counterattacks? I wouldn't so quick to make bets on ISP behavior....there are too many variables.

Thom

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 12:49:59 -0400  
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>  
To: brewerj@squared.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157726] Re: General observation:  
Message-ID: <3F61F937.C67E0F2E@erols.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Kinda reminds me of a car dealer back when I bought my first car. He had a policy about pricing cars that still works today. He sold sports cars, by the way. He would put a price on the car and put it on his

lot. He would not haggle; that was the price, period. Eventually someone would come along and find it was exactly the car they wanted and pay his price. Look carefully at ebay, that's what the auction provides!

73

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 16:55:42 -0400  
From: wa2ncf@juno.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [157727] FS Like New IC-703  
Message-ID: <20030912.165544.-1789089.0.wa2ncf@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

ICOM IC-703 purchased four months ago. Includes mike, power cable, manual, unopened accessory package and original packaging. Asking \$560.00 shipped in the US.

Tnx, Howie WA2NCF

wa2ncf@juno.com

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 10:32:02 -0700  
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157728] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <20030912173202.GA15655@n7xy.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Disposition: inline

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> points). [www.jump.net.uk](http://www.jump.net.uk) for those interested and computer savvy in  
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> <http://www.nyi.net/hosting.html>  
> [http://www.interland.com/frame.htm?wstat=0&curl=http://www.interland.com/  
shared/?path=homewebhosttab](http://www.interland.com/frame.htm?wstat=0&curl=http://www.interland.com/shared/?path=homewebhosttab)  
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For low to medium-bandwidth requirements typical of personal web sites,  
setting up a web server at home isn't a bad solution. I'm running web  
pages, FTP server, DX cluster, all my shack applications and setiathome  
on a Linux box inside my firewall (using port forwarding) at no  
additional cost beyond what I am already paying for DSL access. Of  
course, I had to shop around to find a suitable ISP that provided a  
static IP and allowed servers. Obviously I need to keep up with  
security patches, etc., but I would do that in any case.

73,  
Bob, N7XY

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Bob Nielsen, N7XY  
Bainbridge Island, WA

n7xy (at) n7xy.net  
<http://www.n7xy.net>

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 13:34:21 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>  
To: brewerj@squared.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157729] Re: General observation:  
Message-ID: <20030912133152.D24070-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Fri, 12 Sep 2003 brewerj@squared.com wrote:

> "How come Hams want an arm and a leg for used equipment?"  
>  
> Ahhh...the beauty of the free market. If folks put a high price on an item and  
it  
> sells, then by definition, it was "worth" that much. If the price is TOO high  
> and doesn't sell, then it was likely overpriced!

Or, as my Daddy used to say, "If no one complains about the price, it's  
too low, and if you're eating your inventory, it's too high."

He does, however, laugh at lot of the ebay prices for camera equipment.  
I'm expecting any day soon, he'll start buying more gear on the  
non-auction market, then selling it on ebay.

Thom

baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com  
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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 14:13:44 -0400  
From: "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@erols.com>

To: "EPA-QRP" <EPA-QRP@yahoogroups.com>,  
"NoGaQRP" <nogaqrp@mailman.qth.net>,  
Subject: [157730] SETFREQ notes for DDS Daughtercard use  
Message-ID: <006d01c37959\$c9b66550\$dfca9cce@GH001188>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
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If you are successfully using SETFREQ, or especially if you are still having problems, Doug KA2UPW says to contact him directly at [Dquagliana@aol.com](mailto:Dquagliana@aol.com).

73, George N2APB

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 13:45:47 -0500  
From: w9ya <w9ya@arrl.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157731] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <200309121345.47033.w9ya@arrl.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
    charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit  
Content-Disposition: inline

The static ip Bob mentions below is a nice "feature" but is not generally needed anymore either.

I have some servers set up to a dynamic address. The dns update is less than 1 minute and typically 25 secs. My ip address changes seldom too. so this is hardly a reason to not consider a .dynamic ip from a broadband provider as the basis for some servers.

Um, the service that does this for ya is called a "dynamic dns provider". As in most things in life there are good and bad ones. I use the one that sponsors clark-connect, and they have been as good as I could hope for to date.

So IMHO the only requirement from a \*decent\* broadband isp to run some servers from your home/office is that they do not have a contract that disallows such things. (Many do have such contracts !)

Vy 72;

Bob  
w9ya

On Friday 12 September 2003 12:32 pm, Bob Nielsen wrote:

> On Fri, Sep 12, 2003 at 04:05:57PM +0100, M Taylor wrote:

> > On Thu, Sep 11, 2003 at 06:57:44PM -0600, NR5A wrote:

> > > I've been thinking about making a website. I applied for one at

> > > QSL.NET, actually I've tried to get one about a half dozen times now

> > > with no reply, nada, nothing, so I'm thinking thats out. Anyone have

> > > any favorite preferably free website suggestions?

> >

> > Depends on what features you need/want; how big and complex you expect

> > your site to be, how many visitors you expect, and where the majority of

> > your expected visitors are based (US East Coast, US West Coast, Europe,

> > Canada, Asia, etc.)?

> >

> > Does your web authoring tools include automatically upload via FTP,

> > WebDAV, FrontPage extensions (ick!)? It may be nice to use this feature.

> >

> > Me, I do it all myself using what is called colocation service, which

> > means I put a small case (19" rackmount - 1U which is 1.75 inches high I

> > think) computer that I (and my friends) own into a datacentre and we are

> > provided with direct high speed access to the Internet (100Mbps to

> > multiple access points). [www.jump.net.uk](http://www.jump.net.uk) for those interested and

> > computer savvy in London, UK. That is the Do-It-Yourself solution for

> > suitable for IT geeks who are comfortable and skilled at maintaining

> > secure networked machines.

> >

> > Most people only need "shared" or "virtual" hosting, so you might want to

> > look at several companies to compare (US centric):

> >

> > <http://www.he.com/hosting.html>

> > <http://www.pair.com/pair/shared/>

> > <http://www.nyi.net/hosting.html>

> > [http://www.interland.com/frame.htm?wstat=0&curl=http://www.interland.com/](http://www.interland.com/frame.htm?wstat=0&curl=http://www.interland.com/shared/?path=homewebhosttab)

> > [shared/?path=homewebhosttab](http://webhosting.yahoo.com/ps/wh/prod/) <http://webhosting.yahoo.com/ps/wh/prod/>

> >

> > These are all fairly large hosting companies that make most of their

> > money hosting businesses, so they may be overkill for what you want.

> > I tried to list companies that have entry level packages at or less

> > than \$25US/month.

> >

> > Another option may be Community networks, like Chebucto Community

> > Net, <<http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/>>, which should be very suitable for

> > a personal home page type of site.

>

> For low to medium-bandwidth requirements typical of personal web sites,

> setting up a web server at home isn't a bad solution. I'm running web

> pages, FTP server, DX cluster, all my shack applications and setiathome

> on a Linux box inside my firewall (using port forwarding) at no

> additional cost beyond what I am already paying for DSL access. Of

> course, I had to shop around to find a suitable ISP that provided a

> static IP and allowed servers. Obviously I need to keep up with  
> security patches, etc., but I would do that in any case.  
>  
> 73,  
> Bob, N7XY

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 13:47:47 -0500  
From: w9ya <w9ya@arrl.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157732] Re: SETFREQ notes for DDS Daughtercard use  
Message-ID: <200309121347.47382.w9ya@arrl.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
    charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit  
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Who says linux is harder ?

(GRIN)

Vy 72;

Bob  
w9ya

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 15:06:51 -0500  
From: Jim Giammanco <[giamman@rouge.phys.lsu.edu](mailto:giamman@rouge.phys.lsu.edu)>  
To: [qrp-l@lehigh.edu](mailto:qrp-l@lehigh.edu)  
Subject: [157733] DDS Experimenter's kit (Trevor, KG6CYN, design)  
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.20030912150651.008b8440@baton.phys.lsu.edu>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I've placed the "complete" assembly and operating manual for Trevor's DDS  
signal generator on my web page at <<http://www.qsl.net/n5ib>> Follow the  
link at lower right to the DDS page.

There are still a few refinements that should be made, but I don't think there's anything patently wrong in the document. Rather than delay much longer, since I know there are folks starting to build, I decided to go ahead and post it. If, in the course of your building or testing, you find errors or omissions please let me know and I'll incorporate them in a revision.

The whole thing totals 22 pages, with full color photos. It's split into four .PDF files, totalling around 1.5 M. They can be viewed/downloaded individually. I decided to do that rather than zip them 'cause the zip file was nearly the full 1.5 M.

Many thanks to Trevor for a great design, and to Jay and the Ft. Smith gang for the kitting.

72  
Jim N5IB

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 13:43:05 -0700  
From: "Chetan Bhargava" <list3@bhargavaz.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157734] Re: DDS Experimenter's kit (Trevor, KG6CYN, design)  
Message-ID: <00af01c3796e\$e15bf750\$2701a8c0@chetan>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
                charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Does anyone has a spare oscillator (QG1 - 120MHz)?

Thanks.

73,

Chetan Bhargava KG6NFG  
www.bhargavaz.net



Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 20:51:59 +0000  
From: Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>  
To: nr5a@rap.midco.net,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [157735] Re: Websites  
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20030912202445.01d741f0@pop.erols.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

As you can see there are lots of choices out there on what to do.

I started out with my ISP - they give me 10 meg. I use more than that now.

Then I moved over to QSL.NET, but found that the pages there seemed to be slow downloading. Plus he seemed to be down more that I liked. It wasn't much, but more than I liked. I don't know if things are better now - that was two years ago.

That got me moving and I thought it would be nice to have my own domain name with my call. So I went looking. I ended up at <http://www.fatcow.com> They want \$99 a year plus \$20 for the domain name. Total cost comes out to \$10 a month - they just seem to work in one year increments. I've been with them 18 months now and don't regret the move. I haven't had any problems. I get 100 meg or space 5 gig of transfer a month and 100 e-mail accounts. Now I can give a separate email address to each person in the family plus I use two accounts myself. It will be a long time before I am pressing the limits of what they give me.

They did charge me a one time fee of \$10 when I wanted a MySQL database setup. Some places would have included that in the basic price.

I never considered the free places - the adds would drive me crazy. I would not want to deal with them. With my own system be it at my ISP, at QSL.NET or at fatcow I can do what I want.

There are others out there in that price range that are just as good I'm sure, so look around. I think there is a real plus is having my own domain name.

I used to think that having something at QSL net would make it easier to find my site. But today google will find anyone's site if you just put in the call sign. So I don't think that is a big issue anymore.

I do find it interesting that K3WWP recently decided to concentrate his site with his ISP. From what he posted he was using QSL.NET because his ISP had a 5 meg limit that was constraining what he could do. When his ISP went up to 10 meg he played around at both places for a while, but in the last month or so he decided to go back to his ISP and is now saying that as

of Oct. 1 he won't have any of his stuff at QSL.NET. At least part of his logic is that he does not want to keep a mirror site for what he does. Why he preferred his ISP over QSL.NET I don't know.

So I would go out there and see what is there, decide how much you can tolerate the add and other stuff you get from some of the free sites. And remember while QSL.NET is free he does ask for a donation to help keep it going. And if you are going to use it very much you really ought to send him something. Balance that against the cost getting your own hosted site and your own domain name.

Let us know what you decide,  
73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD  
<http://www.wd3p.net/>

At 06:57 PM 9/11/2003 -0600, NR5A wrote:

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>preferably free website suggestions?

>

>Jerry - NR5A - South Dakota

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 16:10:57 -0500  
From: "Thor, N9IK" <n9ik@thorlind.com>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU, dsp-10@mailman.qth.net  
Subject: [157736] OT: For Sale - MOST of DSP-10 kit  
Message-ID: <5.2.1.1.0.20030912160550.00a0d310@mail.thorlind.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I finally found my inventory list showing all parts acquired and those still to be obtained. My total cost for all parts included in this package was approximately \$460.00 (excluding shipping), including the extra components purchased.

If you'd like to see the list, let me know and I'll be happy to email it to you - it is an Excel spreadsheet.

Thanks again!

- Thor, N9IK

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I neglected to add that reasonable offers are welcome!

- Thanks,

- Thor, N9IK

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Here's another one for sale.

I have MOST of a DSP-10 kit for sale, including the EZKIT-LITE. This was not an actual kit from TAPR, having begun to accumulate parts prior to the re-release of the kit. There are only a few items not included, such as the feed-thru caps (I can't find my inventory sheet, so I'm not certain exactly what else is missing, but those are only a few components). There are extras of many of the components included, due to minimum ordering requirements from vendors and I'm too lazy to pull them out of the bags. All of the board components are sorted, with the component bags labeled to indicate component locations, eg: R1, R2, C1, C2 etc.

Also included is the PC-board for the 8 watt amp (but no components, unless they are included in the extras accumulated for the DSP-10)

I'm asking \$400.00 for the lot, shipping included.

I can take payment via paypal, credit card via paypal, money order, or check. If paid by check, the check will have to clear prior to shipping - not that I don't trust fellow hams, but my XYL insists! ;-)

Please reply direct to n9ik@thorlind.com

73 es 72,

- Thor, N9IK

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 2003 17:50:00 -0400  
From: "Howard Kraus" <K2UD@adelphia.net>  
To: <hjohnc@core.com>  
Cc: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [157737] Re: Saturday Spartan Sprint  
Message-ID: <000b01c37977\$d0a13200\$df141443@buf.adelphia.net>  
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Sept 27 is about a month before the ARCI Fall QSO Party, that is a pretty good separation. A week later, it may be a bit cooler in some climates.

That only cost .02 cents!

72

Howard Kraus, K2UD

----- Original Message -----

From: "John Huffman" <hjohnc@core.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Friday, September 12, 2003 7:24 AM

Subject: Saturday Spartan Sprint

> Gentlemen -

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> There has been some interest in staging a Saturday Spartan Sprint to encourage outdoor operation. We at the Adventure Radio Society are considering sponsoring such an event.

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> At this point, to keep it simple, the rules and scoring would be identical to the Monday Spartan Sprints. The same autolog would be used to post scores. The deadline for entries would be Sunday night. Scores and soapbox

> comments would be emailed to the participants. A brief write-up of the Saturday results would be included in the next Monday night Spartan Sprint write-up.

>

> Picking a date and time is the toughest part. Not everyone will agree so we

> have arbitrarily picked Saturday from 3pm to 5pm Eastern, 2pm to 4pm Central, 1pm to 3pm Mountain, 12noon to 2pm Pacific.

>

> The only question is which Saturday. We must avoid any QRP specific contests. QRP Afield and Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint are next weekend, so that's out. The 27th doesn't show any QRP specific contests, but does have

> the CQWW RTTY contest which may well spill over into the QRP frequencies.

I

> don't have a calendar of October activities, but the first weekend is out since it's too close to the Monday Sprint.

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> At this point we can either try the 27th of September or we can find a date

> in October. Input is appreciated.

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> 73 de NA8M  
> John  
> Contest Manager  
> Adventure Radio Society  
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End of QRP-L Digest 3041

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